

## CHAPTER 46

(Senate Bill 129)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 7 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Department of Public Welfare," sub-title "Board of Welfare," relating to the duties of the State Department of Public Welfare.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 7 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Department of Public Welfare," sub-title "Board of Welfare," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

7. (a) To enable the State Department of Public Welfare to discharge properly the duties imposed upon it, the said Department may of its own motion, or by the direction of the Governor shall cause charges to be formulated against any corporation, association, institution or agency engaged in charitable or social welfare activities, *except State-aided hospitals*, receiving financial assistance from the State or with which the State has contracts and cause a copy of such charges to be served on such corporation, association, institution or agency; and shall have power to issue summonses for witnesses and documents, which summonses shall be duly served, as are other similar writs, by any sheriff to whom the same shall be directed, and to administer oaths, and take testimony which it shall cause to be transcribed and included in its report. The Governor, with the approval of the Board of Public Works, is hereby authorized and empowered to withhold, in whole or in part, further payments to any such institution or agency out of current or future appropriations, upon recommendation of the State Department of Public Welfare if in its judgment the facts warrant, and by budget amendment to transfer any part of such appropriation so withdrawn to any other institution or agency of a like nature, upon recommendation of the State Department of Public Welfare.

(b) The State Department of Public Welfare shall have further power to visit any State-aided institution, organi-

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike-out indicates matter stricken out of bill.